Corporations can protect themselves from liability. But to do so they should be required to share all necessary information and parts for others to extend the life of their products, because otherwise they have NO FINANCIAL INCENTIVE TO DO SO. Government needs to step in where the market has negative effects on society and the environment. It's that simple.

Allowing corporations to generate massive amounts of e-waste through planned obsolescence forces citizens to pay not just for products, but for the environmental and health costs of this waste.

Once you buy something, you should be able to fix, modify and improve it, including products with proprietary digital and software components. Behind every claim to be "protecting consumers" you'll find that the real motivation is protection of a revenue stream.